

This is one of those activities for which I cannot explain the appeal. Young children love it and ask to play it over and over again . . .

Little Leprechaun



Lit - tle le - pre-chaun, Lit - tle le - pre-chaun, Lit - tle
le - pre-chaun, hell - o! Lit - tle le - pre-chaun, lit - tle
le - pre-chaun, lit - tle le - pre-chaun, hell - o! You're a
cute lit - tle elf, if I say so my - self, When you
pop up in green ev - 'ry March se - ven - teen!

Choose 1 or more children to be the "leprechaun." The leprechauns crouch down holding tambourines while the other children walk in a circle around them and sing the song. On each "hello" the walking children stop walking and wave at the leprechaun(s).

Beginning at "You're a cute little elf," the walking children turn their bodies to face the center of the circle and remain standing. On "pop," the leprechaun(s) leap to their feet and hit the tambourine with a grand flourish. Repeat until all children have had a turn.

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